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STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

A. Financial Support for Special Needs Students Attending External Assessment and/or Treatment

When the Kelsey School Division personnel are unable to diagnose and assess difficulties experienced by a special needs student, to assist the School Division in better meeting the needs of the student, the following shall apply:

- 1) Where a student is deemed to have a specific learning disability, an assessment by the professional staff of the School Division (or a resource outside of the School Division) must be done. This will generally involve a psychologist, speech/language pathologist, and/or a resource teacher. The student’s teacher(s) must agree that further assessment beyond that available in the School Division is necessary.
- 2) A meeting with the parent(s) must be held to explain the assessment, and parental involvement, agreement, and support is necessary.
- 3) Once agreement from all parties is established and a possible solution explored and agreed to, a request for some financial assistance may be made to the School Division Superintendent. An estimated preliminary budget must be included.
- 4) Support in the form of a grant for assessment purposes will be considered by the Superintendent.
- 5) Consideration for training of staff in the techniques and methods put forward will take into account the specific needs for the School Division, the future potential use of the techniques and methods, and the time and expense involved in the training of staff.
- 6) The staff so trained will be expected to provide professional development sessions for other staff in the School Division.
- 7) Due to possible limits to available funding, these requests will be dealt with on a first come, first served limited basis and shall be subject to approval depending on the following criteria:
 - a) the number of requests within the budget year,
 - b) the potential for assistance to other students,
 - c) the availability of similar assistance within Kelsey School Division,
 - d) the total educational benefits for the Kelsey School Division.